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From the Library Director, Benjamin Schapiro

By now, *Books and Beyond* readers may have noticed I have an affinity for technology in libraries. In part this is because I spent almost two decades working in the software and library automation industry prior to joining Morton Grove Public Library. So I have seen how technology, when used to serve patrons, can magnify the effectiveness of a library.

One of my goals is to broaden the appeal of MGPL by making our collections and staff more accessible to the Morton Grove community. The WiFi project, providing wireless Internet access for patrons' laptop computers, is a great success. We've seen many new patrons in the Library using their laptops to access everything the Library has to offer—plus the whole World Wide Web—without the limitations of using our public access PCs and their two-hour time limit.

Our newest service, MyMediaMall (www.mymediamall.net) digital/audio book project is up and running nicely. Anyone with an MGPL card can log in and borrow, for free, any of more than 1,000 digital or audio books without coming to the Library. The audio books can be played on a PC or MP3 player or burned to a CD for playback in your car. This feature is great for those long commutes on the Edens or METRA. It is also an easy and free way to entertain the kids on long vacation road trips.

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Daniel Vines, Franco Martorana, Warren Moulton and Simon Kyung Lee

3 Tenors Plus 1: A Mother's Day Concert

Sunday, May 14, 2 pm

Formerly known as *The Other Three Tenors Plus One,* this quartet of vocalists will dazzle you – and mom – with musical magic.

NEW! Let's Talk about It!

Beginning in May, the Library will be sponsoring a current events discussion on the fourth Wednesday of every month, at 2 pm, in the Baxter Room. Drop by for a cup of coffee and lively discussion of local and global events, new products on the market, ideas and opinions.

May 24: Ben Schapiro, Director of MGPL, will discuss new developments in the Library

June 28: Village Administrator Joe Wade and Community and Economic Development Director Bill Neuendorf will discuss local issues and developments.

Please call the Library or stop by for information about future discussions.

DVD rentals now FREE!

The $1.00 rental fee has been eliminated for Morton Grove residents.

Summer Reading Challenge: June 5 – August 5

Book a Tropical Escape this summer with MGPL's adult/teen summer reading challenge. Sign up for the challenge at the Reference Services Desk and receive a free lawn pass to one of Ravinia's summer performances. Details about the summer reading challenge will be available in the Library by the end of May.

Ahoy, Bookaneers! The Youth Services Department is hoisting the sails for tropical ports and is looking for hearty mates to join us. Beginning June 10, and sailing eight weeks until August 5, children up to grade 6, can join our Summer Reading Program filled with lots of "buried treasure." Prizes this year include coupons from 25 sponsors in the Big Ticket from the *Daily Herald.* New this year: the program will include babies and toddlers in a special program designed just for them! Stop by or call 847-929-5102 for more information.

The Ocean Adventure: The Australia Great Barrier Reef Expedition

Sat., July 29, 2 pm

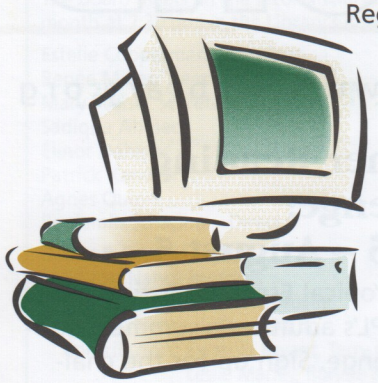
Visit the incredible home of *Finding Nemo.* Australia's waters contain a vast array of beautiful, colorful fish and amazing sights.

Computer Classes

Blogging: What It Is and How To Do It

Thurs., July 6, 7 pm

Computer consultant Michael Moore presents a lecture/demonstration on how to set up and use a blog.



Registration required: call 847-929-5101.

Check out: *Naked Conversations: How Blogs are Changing the Way Businesses Talk with Customers* by Robert Scoble

Blogging for Teens by John Gosney

Sam's Teach Yourself Blogging in a Snap by Julie Meloni

What's New in Electronic Gadgets

Sat., July 8, 10 am

The marketplace is loaded with electronic gadgets, with more to come. Computer consultant Michael Moore will discuss some of the current items that are available and what to look for in the future. Registration required: call 847-929-5101.

Individual, Hands-on Tutorials

Morton Grove residents can learn how to use a computer with a one-on-one, hands-on tutorial guided by an MGPL Librarian. Call 847-929-5101 to schedule an appointment for one or more of these sessions:

- Using a computer mouse
- Basic Internet
- Setting up a free e-mail account
- Using iBistro, the Library's computer catalog
- Using EBSCO, the magazine database for research

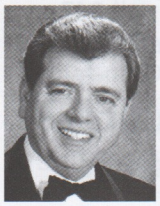
Concert Series

Trillium

Sunday, May 7, 2 pm

Paul Russell, Mim Eichmann, Ed Hall and Doug Lofstrom present a bouquet of music styles ranging from Celtic to folk to ragtime.

Bob Duda and the Highland Park Pops Orchestra



Sun., May 21, 2 pm

The Highland Park Pops Orchestra debuts at the Library accompanied by vocalist Bob Duda.

Edizon Dayo's Hawaiian Entertainment

Sat., June 24, 2 pm

Be transported to the tropics as Edizon Dayo performs Hawaiian music accompanied by hula dancer Kalea.

Steve Justman: Vintage Folk and Classic Country

Sat., July 15, 2 pm

Join us for an entertaining concert featuring familiar vintage folk and country classic music.

Chicago Outskirts Concert

Sat., August 26, 2 pm

Chicago Outskirts is an all-female jazz band that is sure to delight you with their renditions of such songs as *The Way You Look Tonight, It Might As Well Be Spring, Who Can I Turn To?,* and many more.

Gentleman Farmers and Their Gardens

Mon., May 8, 7 pm

Nancy Burgess presents an illustrated talk on the landscaped estates established in the late 1800s.

Native Plants

Sat., June 10, 10 am

Master Gardener Colleen Graudins from the University of Illinois Extension will present an illustrated talk on native perennials, shrubs and trees for your garden. Registration required.

Check out: *Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens* by Allan Armitage

Gardening with Prairie Plants by Sally Wasowski

Learn the Craft of Papier Mâché

A Class in Four Parts:
July 12, 19, 26, and Aug. 2
7-8:30 pm

Artist Iris Nason will show you how to make a papier mâché bowl in four weekly lessons. Registration is limited to 15. Minimum age of 10. Call 847-929-5101.

Movies, Munchies & More!

Tuesdays at 11:30 am

The Library hosts a program that provides entertainment and education, plus light refreshments, every Tuesday at 11:30 am. Film topics range from documentaries to travelogs; live presentations include speakers on topics of popular interest and musical performances. You can bring your lunch or just enjoy coffee and munchies. Summertime programs include:

CYCLING SISTERS: CORPS OF MISS ADVENTURES
TUES., MAY 2, 11:30 AM
Morton Grove resident Norma Witherbee and her sister, Evie Weber, have taken many bicycling tours across the country, including a 3,600-mile-trip paralleling Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery expedition 200 years ago.

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS FOR MEDICARE PART D
Tues., May 9, 11:30 am
Jean Cleland from the North Shore Senior Center will discuss Illinois' prescription drug programs, HMOs, PPOs, and the "ins and outs" of Medicare Part D.

LOOK AND LEAVE: NEW ORLEANS IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE KATRINA
Tues., May 23, 11:30 am
Jane Fulton Alt discusses her photography exhibit in the Baxter Room, May 1 – 31.

BENNY GOODMAN AND THE BIG BAND ERA
Tues., May 30, 11:30 am
Jack Diamond discusses the life and music of Benny Goodman.

BUD'S CAFÉ: MEAT LOAF AND JIMMY DEAN
Tues., June 6, 11:30 am
The Time of Your Life Players, a troupe of actors aged 50 +, will perform in their original musical comedy, *Bud's Café.*

ALASKA BY LAND, SEA AND AIR
Tues., July 18, 11:30 am
Photographer Marie Rakoczy presents this unusual travelogue set to music by an Alaskan balladeer.

How to Select a Remodeling Contractor

Thurs., May 4, 7 pm

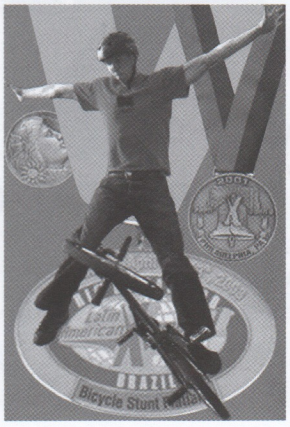
Three representatives of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) will discuss guidelines for hiring a remodeling contractor. Door prizes.

Check out: *Tips and Traps for Hiring a Contractor* by Roger D. Woodson
Additions Planner by Vicki Christian
Remodeled Kitchens and Baths: Dramatic Makeovers by Tina Skinner

Sound Waves in Tropical Islands

Sat., July 8, 11 am

Kids in grades K-5 will have fun experimenting with everyday objects observing a variety of sound waves. Drop-in.



The Imagination Island Magic Show

Mon., July 10, 7 pm,

Michael Kett presents Slippery Sam the Sea Snake, the ghost of Blackbeard the Pirate, and more during this amazing magic show about reading and exploring the world with imagination.

X-Games Medalist Matt Wilhelm in Fourth of July Parade

See the Library's entry in the Fourth of July Parade! Tues., July 4, 2:30 pm: X-Games Medalist Matt Wilhelm performs his amazing BMX stunts that have won competitions from Japan to Brazil. Riding with the Library, he will be doing his amazing extreme stunts on Dempster St.

Wired The Teen Corner

For Films: see page 5

Babysitting Basics
Tues., May 2, 3:45-5 pm
Wed., May 3, 3:45-5 pm
This workshop helps to prepare babysitters for the responsibilities of caring for young children. Morton Grove students, age 12 and over, are eligible to sign up. Class size is limited to 15 participants. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

Papier Mâché: see page 2

Summer reading challenge starts June 5

Indiana Jones and the Voyage to Adventure Island

Sat., Aug. 5, 2 pm

Our Summer Reading Club ends with a show that will amaze the whole family. Chris Camp, a two-time world champion whip artist, will perform his upbeat show filled with stunts and humor.

Stockwood: World's Youngest Beatles Tribute Band

Sat., Aug. 12, 2 pm

Four lads from Woodstock, ranging in age from 9 to 13 years, play their own instruments and do their own singing, replicating Beatle melodies such as *I Wanna Hold Your Hand* and *Yesterday.*

Calling All Creative Youth!

The Youth Services Department is sponsoring two ways for you to spotlight your talents.

Children in preschool – Grade 6 are invited to submit up to three original pieces of artwork in **MGPL's 33rd Annual Children's Art Contest.** (See flyer or call for contest rules.) Deadline: May 27, at 5 pm. Prizes will be awarded!

Variety Show, Tues., May 16, 7 pm
HURRY: the deadline is May 2 for signing up for an audition to be in the Variety Show to be held Tues., May 16, at 7 pm. Open to students in grades K-12. Registration is required for audience members: call 847-929-5102 or register at the Youth Services Desk.

Celebrate Asian-American Month

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 pm
Children in grades 1-6 may drop-in to learn how to create two origami projects with Jean Mishima.

Summer Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

Saturday, June 3, at 11 am
Saturday, August 19, at 11 am
Students in grades 1-12 may register at the door. The winner will receive a bookstore gift certificate and their name will be added to the Library's RPS plaque.

DDR: Dance Dance Revolution

Thursdays, June 29, July 27, and August 24.
Come to the Library to practice your moves – beginners and experts welcome. No competition; just for fun. Refreshments will be served.
Grades 1 – 3 : 3-4 pm
Grades 4 – 6 : 4-5 pm

Bodyworks

Sat., May 6, 2 pm
Dr. B.A. Bodybuddy has two unique and exciting automated friends, Hillary the Heart and Larry the Liver, who explain how human bodies work and how to keep them healthy.

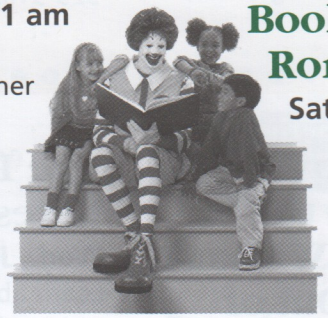
Meet Illustrator & Author Kevin Luthardt

Sat., May 20, 2006, 11 am

Kevin Luthardt created the summer reading program artwork for libraries across Illinois. Join him as he helps the Youth Services Department promote *Voyage to Book Island.* Children will assist Kevin in creating a mural with his wonderful artwork. Kevin will also describe how a book is created and published.

A Child's Voice

Sat. June 10, 2 pm
A Child's Voice helps people of all ages discover the power of poetry.



Bookin' with Ronald Show

Sat., June 17, 11 am
Join Ronald McDonald for a show full of magic tricks, puppets and skits showing children that reading is fun.

Junie B. Party

Sat., June 24, 1 pm OR Mon., June 19, 6:30 pm
Come hear Junie B.'s new book, *Junie B., First Grader: Aloha-ha-ha!* Fun activities and refreshments. Registration required: call 847-929-5102 or stop by Youth Services Desk.

CALENDAR

Hi! I'm Webster, the Youth Services' mascot! Find me on the Kids' Webrary and in other Library publications.

Youth Services Classes
Summer Session runs from June 12 – July 28. Registration will begin May 8.

Library Playtime
2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thursdays, 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 – Kindergarten
Wednesdays, 10:30 am and Thursdays, 1 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades K, 1, and 2; Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Class limit – 12

Family Storytime
Stories, Songs and a Craft. All Ages
Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Crafty Saturday – Drop-In
May 13, 10 am-4 pm – Create a gift for Mom!
June 17, 12 pm-4 pm – Don't forget Dad! (begins after Ronald McDonald program)

Kidz Kartoonz
May 12, June 9, July 14 and Aug 11, 4 pm
Summertime films will be new releases; call Youth Services at 847-929-5102 for titles and details.

Drop-In Classes

Knitting Club
Mondays, 4 - 5 pm
No registration required. Bring a project or learn a new one. Ages 6 and up. (Note: No meeting Mon., July 3)

Listen Up!
Drop-in storytime for preschool children and their caregivers. Tuesdays at 10 am. This is a great way to introduce children to group play.

NEW TIME! Family Chess
Beginning Wed., May 3, 4:30-5:30 pm. Beginners and experienced players of ALL ages are welcome.

Drama Club,
1st and 3rd Fridays, 4-5 pm
Ages 6–12. Learn to love acting and meet new friends with fun-filled activities.

Be a S.T.A.R. Volunteer
(Summer Time Assistant to Readers)
Help the Youth Services Department with the Voyage to Book Island Summer Reading Club. Those entering grades 7-12 this fall may apply. Attendance at one training session is required: Tues., June 6, at 7 pm, or Thurs., June 8, at 4 pm.

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From the Director, continued from front page:

While we're proud of all our innovations here, no library can serve its community only with technology. The cornerstone of MGPL's reputation for service is our staff. Our employees, with their connection to the community, expertise in literature, research and other resources, are what make this Library useful and meaningful.

In April, the Library welcomed a new full-time Teen/Adult Service librarian, Katy Opderbeck. Katy's tasks are to extend our very successful youth services efforts to middle school and high school students. Teens are an underserved population and Katy hopes to build an environment here that will serve them academically and become a fun "destination." An experienced middle school librarian, Katy is very enthusiastic and has a real passion for young adult literature. Next time you are in the Library, please stop by and say "hello" to her.

As always, please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself to me and let me know if I can be of any assistance.

FEATURE FILMS

Memoirs of a Geisha (2005, PG-13, 145 minutes)
Thurs., May 18, 2 & 7 pm

Pride and Prejudice (2005, PG, 129 min.)
Thurs., June 15, 2 & 7 pm

Good Night, Good Luck (2006, PG, 93 min.)
Thurs., July 20, 2 & 7 pm

Walk the Line (2005, PG, 136 min.)
Thurs., August 17, 2 & 7 pm

WEDDING SEASON FILM SERIES

Monsoon Wedding (Some subtitles, 2002, R, 115 min.)
Fri., May 19, 2 pm

The Wedding Banquet (Some subtitles, 2004, R, 108 min.)
Fri., May 26, 2 pm

Muriel's Wedding (Australian, 1999, R, 105 min.)
Fri., June 2, 2 pm

Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (Animated, 2006, PG, 80 min.)
Sat., June 3, 2 pm

The Wedding Planner (2001, PG-13, 104 min.)
Tues., June 13, 11:30 am

My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002, PG, 95 min.)
Fri., June 23, 2 pm

My Best Friend's Wedding (1997, PG-13, 105 min.)
Fri., June 30, 2 pm

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Serenity (2005, PG-13, 119 min.)
Fri., July 7, 2 pm

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2006, PG-13, 157 min.)
Sat., July 22, 2 pm

CLUB BANZAI: ANIMÉ FILMS FOR TEENS

Otogi Zoshi: Legend of Magatama, Vol. 1 (age 13+, 120 min.)
Mon., May 1, 7 pm

Giant Robo, The Day the Earth Stood Still, Vol. 2 (age 13+, 120 min.)
Mon., August 7, 7 pm

MATINEES

Buffalo Soldiers (2006, G, 120 min.)
Fri., July 21, 2 pm

King Kong (2005, PG, 134 min.)
Fri., Aug. 4, 2 pm

Jarhead (2006, R, 123 min.)
Fri., Aug. 18, 2 pm

Elizabethtown (2006, PG-13, 123 min.)
Fri., Aug. 25, 2 pm

KIDZ KARTOONZ

Second Fri., 4 pm

May 12, June 9, July 14 and August 11

Summertime films will be new releases; call Youth Services at 847-929-5102 for titles and details.

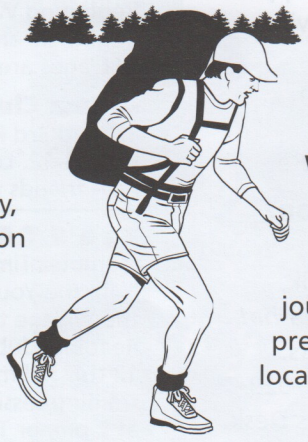
Book Discussions

All Booked Up

Thurs., May 18, 10 am: *Master Butchers Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich
Thurs., July 20, 10 am: *Leap of Faith* by Queen Noor

Thinking Out Loud

Tuesday, August 22, at 7:30 pm: Merle Jacob, well-known speaker and former Director of Collection Development for Chicago Public Library, will give a presentation on *Mrs. Kimble.* Dessert will be served; registration is required for this book discussion.



Take a Hike! How to Get into the Woods Without Going Out of Town

Wed., May 17, 7 pm

Enjoy the outdoors nearby as *Chicago Tribune* Outdoors Advisor and journalist Barbara Brotman presents an illustrated guide to local parks and forest preserves.

The Legacy of the Forest Preserve

Wed., June 21, 7 pm

Learn about the history and current status of the Forest Preserves and what citizens can do to improve the preserves for future generations, in this discussion with Benjamin Cox, Executive Director of Friends of the Forest Preserve.